## IN WASHINGTON STATECRAFT GIVES WAY TO BALL

All Society in National Capil tal Dances for Southern Relief.

THREE BEAUTIES PICKED

Misses Nancy Lane, Anne Gordon and Frances Hampson Unofficially Proclaimed.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 7.—In Washington, where society goes hand in hand with diplomacy and statecraft -even with the common or garden variety of politics-life is never dull, either to those who are part of the cast in the great drama or to those who are merely intelligent units in the Even if one has occasionally the feeling of having eaten the same danced the same dances, taken part in the same flirtations, echoed the platitudes for several eternities there is always the sense of vital, aye, even fateful, undercurrents which sweeping nations and individuals atike, some to disaster upon unseen rocks, some to safe and pleasant har-Always one has a realising sense of watching history in the making, even when one pauses and turns back for a glance at pages in volumes long or elosed

This week, for instance, both Homer unmings and Will Hays have been in Washington holding "conferences" on which not merely American statesmen and politicians have kept a weather eye pretty constantly trained, but which omats have been watching on behalf of the statesmen and politicians maintaining most decorously their traditional "neutrality even along with a position of alertly watchful waiting.

And society turned from its appreciative observing of this situation to dence at the annual Southern Relief Hall one night and to make the pil-grimage to the Capitol for the naval uti-committee's hearing on the next of a monologue by Secretary Daniels, sating almost two hours. investigation, with Martens and A. Mitchell Pulmer as stars, and to go to the usual round of dinners given for and by members of the diplomatic

The Southern Relief Ball is one really distinctive events of each son here—has been these thirty ars. Everybody goes to it, the wearers of the gray descended from the utherpers to prove their loyalty and boxes, where they were honored guests, on to the old South, the Northernoh, well, to preve that there's no hard feeling and that they One particularly appealing couple that aren't narrow minded or sectional, tellmeelves that after all they can Walker and her "Grandfather de Brodes" to forget and forgive, and all in the uniform in which he had danced that sort of thing. Every now and again-and the night of the first Monto February each year is one of the times-it is borne in upon the so-journer in the national capital that Varhington is, after all, a Southern ity, the habitat of the professional Southerner, and that as for the gro-fessional Northerner, there ain't no Buero, and Senora de Buero, who have

### Real Helief in the South.

It is the annual ball of the Southern

Miss Nannie Randolph Heth (prenounced Heath, by the way), president of the Southern Relief Association and daughter of its founder, it in-cluded Mrs. Robert Lansing, Mrs. Newton D. Baker, Mrs. Carter Glass, Mrs. Josephus Daniels and Miss Agnes Hart Wilson fat least those members of the Cabinet's circle were scheduled to receive and presumably they were on the line early in the evening, although late arrivals coming in after the play did not see all of them)-representing New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania (and in the case of Miss Wilson and Mrs. Baker, women whose parents probably had not come to the United States at time of the "War between the matically called on these occasions)as well as North Carolina and Virginia-and Mrs. Cabell Smith of Richmond, president of the Virginia Daugh-ters of the Confederacy, and Mrs. Lee Benoist and Gen. Julian Carr.

in past years made a point of being present, were the Vice-President and Mrs. Thomas Riley Marshall from In-

with Mrs. Robert E. Lee and Governer Ritchis of Maryland, was Mrs. Matthew T. Scott, very much from Illinois Daughters of the American Revolution of the Belgians—the dinner, you re-Among the box holders were several of the diplomatic circle—Baroness Romano rowed Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh's house.

Avezgana, for instance, and Mms. BonIt exactly fits the description, and it's net-most of the others were among those present-Mrs. Joseph Folk, Mrs. those present-Mrs. Joseph Foik, Mrs. George Thacher Guernaey (president-general, D. A. R.), Colonel and Mrs. Robert M. Thompson, Mrs. Charles B. Ward of New York, president of the Congressional Club; Mrs. George de Benneville Keim of Philadelphia and Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Stotesbury also of Philadelphia. (And, by the way, did you know that Mrs. Louise Cromwell Brooks, Mrs. Stotesbury's daughter, having agreed to disagrees with low lace—not gold—and the same her husband. Mr. Walter B. Brooks, used on the bedies forming a sor Jr., of Baltimore, has returned to Wash- achu and cape drapery in the back. ington to live? She is established on Massachusetts avenue in the fashion-

The ballroom is always decorated with "a frieze of Southern smilax" and with flags—the Stars and Bars being displayed along with the Stars and Stripes and with the flags of all nations. On Monday night a great por-trait of Gen. Robert E. Lee, which has just been presented to the association, all draped with flags, was prominent in the decorative scheme and looked down benignly on the dancers very the preciding genius of the scene. -very much

Prettiest Frecks Worn, Everybody wears her prettiest frock many a maid and matron having saved up perhaps the gem of her winter wardto make its first appearance at that particular dance, and also many a maid and matron bringing out her ancient and occasion of the year. It is essentially a ball that brings out the lavender and old lace—and for which many an ancient confederate uniform is brushed and furbished; at which one sees an unusual number of old men and women, quite at porce on the ballroom floor. They are interesting and picturesque, their old fashioned diancing being in marked contrast to that of the juniors, who are in some for that of the juniors, who are in some first ances their grandchildren. Every time there was an old fashioned waits played on Monday right some of the enly "evenin' dress" for the one great occasion of the year. It is essentially a



and, seventy or eighty years young, they joined the groups of dancers on the floor.

more than fifty-five years ago with the Southern belies of his youth.

The Vice-President and Mrs. Marshall had no guests in their box, but they had a constant stream of visitors, and among those who spent considerable time with them were the Minister of Foreign Afand what's more there'd been making a brief visit in Washington as guests of the nation, even as Senora de Buero's father, President Erum (who was then in his turn Minister of Foreign Affairs) did some two years ago. They

were at the ball under the chape Relief Association, which appealing work among the helpless old appealing work among the helpless old appealing work among the helpless old people of the South, many of them works of the old regime, of the generation whose proudest boast it was eration whose proudest boast it was both been put completely out of commission that they had been "ruined by the flat" just as Dr. Buero and his party arrived and having consequently been unable to do any of the entertaining for them that they had Naturally nobody grudges them all entertaining for them that they had the help that any one can give them. planned until late in the week, when Look only at the receiving line! they gave a brilliant reception for them. they gave a brilliant reception for them. three brunettes who has no official con-for which the diplomatic contingent nection. She is the daughter of Mrs. which the diplomatic contingent turned out in force.

### Lured to Dancing Floor.

Senora de Buero is young and slim and tall and very pretty, and for only a little while did her slipper toe pat to the time of the music as she sat demurely in the box; soon she went down on the floor and mingled with the dancers. One noticed that she did not lack partners once she had made it evident that she was willing to dance. They, by the way, have been the centre of quite a little flurry of entertaining, their Amer-ican hosts trying apparently to make up by a little extra warmth for the fact that the Varelas were unable to do much for them. The Secretary of State and
Mrs. Robert Lansing gave a beautiful
dinner for them, and Mrs. Wilson actually received Senora de Buero at the White House for tea-the first time that she has receive anybody officially-ex-The chief guests of the occasion, fall-ing the President and Mrs. Wilson, who dent's lliness. Mrs. Lansing accompanied Senora de Buero and "made the presentation.

Femininity was particularly interested Prominent in Miss Heth's box, along in Mrs. Marshall's extremely good look-tith Mrs. Robert E. Lee and Governar ing goven that night, for it was whispered that it was the one that she had worn at the dinner at which she was ones president general of the official hostess to the King and Queen It exactly fits the description, and it's really a lovely gown—of gold net with roses of cloth of gold woven into the fabric. It is made on straight lines with a square train and has a girdle and a sout of skeleton bodice of brown velvet, embroidered in gold.

Senora de Buero's coetume see most appropriate. It was of yellow taffeta, the skirt of dancing length, with two scalloped flor the taffets over a petticoat of fine yellow lace not gold—and the same lace used on the bodice forming a sort of

One of the picturesque features of this particular ball for the last several years able "Seventeen Hundred block" with has been the fact that it has been a her children, and is moving, rather sort of impromptu, but more or less ofquietly for the present, with her old ficial, beauty show. This season three Said I not sooth that "everybody goes girls so generally popular and so admittedly good looking that few would be inclined to cavil at the selection were with "a frieze of Southern smilax" and the blue ribbon girl among this year's debutantes, with the red and the yellow ribbons-isn't that the way they run?to Misses Anne Gordon and Hampson respectively. Miss Gordon-she is the younger daughter of Mrs. George Barnett, wife of the Major-General, commandant the Marine Corps, you know—was described as harking back to the Virginia beauties of Colonial days with great charm and distinction, and Miss Hampson was called a "Murillo madonna type," which probably comes as near to classifying her as anything would. Personally I find her the best looking of the three—usually.

Miss Laue's Charms Nancy Lane, like all your really fasci-

nating heauties, varies greatly. Some-times she is, and sometimes she isn't. At her debut tea she was a dream, a radiant visios. But there have been

wearers of the gray descended from the ington, and had time to grow into the hearts of the very large circle of her parents, friends, both official and personal, and people have been showering her with attentions, for their sakes as well as for her own.

Lanes have been in Washington officially fourteen years-and now that the end draws near, Mrs. Lane admits that she is going to feel the uprooting a whole lot. She is "even sorry, at least almost," that Mr. Lane did not make another arrangement that would have kept him here. No, she isn't, of course, saying just when the family uprooting will come, but even though Mr. Lane may have to get settled in his new business before Nancy's marriage, she doesn't expect to leave Washington until after the wedding herself. From which one gathers that the plans are pretty well settled, and merely awaiting the President's convenience to be declared. Well, anyhow, there's one comfort, the Lanes are leaving a pretty strong anchor here when their daughter marries here, so that Washington can count on seeing something of them no matter what future business arrangements Mr. Lane may make. Nancy is to be an Easter bride, the tentative date being "about

Miss Hampson is the only one of the Joseph Hampson, who spent much of her married life in Mexico, and was little known in Washington until after her husband's death, when she settled here-a widow with two children, Frances and Edgar-the latter, I believe, at Annapolis. Frances has been Nancy Lane's particular chum, for the last two of three years whow. They played around together "sub-debs," and have done everything together this season, even to sharing bonors at the wonderful holiday ball which Mrs. Copley gave for them jointly and which the debutantes still talk of as quite the crowning glory of the season. And one day this week-Wednesday, if memory services-France was a those present at a young people's lunch eon which Mrs. Cary Grayson gave for Nancy, and a little later in the day Nancy was among those present at a tea which Mr. Malcolm McConihe gave for

There is yet another little lady among the debutantes of this year whom some of the loyal Southerners would have been glad to see selected as the bright particular star of the Southern Relief ball, and that is Miss Mary Custis Lee, granddaughter of Gen. Robert El. Lee, who made her debut in December and has been enjoying her first season under the chaperonage of Mr. and Mrs. debutante daughter, and her cousin, Miss debutante daughter, and her cousin, mass Anna Dulany. Mr. and Mrs. Dulany gave the girls two separate debut parties, although they both appeared at each, and have dealt out dances and luncheons to them with impartial hand. The cousins are an attractive pair, but there is a degree of sentiment attaching to Miss Mary Custis Lee which could only attach to the granddaughter of "the great General."

Moreover, people who have for years been going to the Southern Relief ball ber another Mary Custis Lee-the great General's daughter—who until last year, when she "passed on," was always one of the notabilities of the balls. The description of Miss Lee as wearing buttons from General Washington's uniform" on one of these occasions is one of the famous "bulis" perpetrated by a local society editor eight or ten years age. Whether those historic buttons have descended to the present Mary

Lee deponent sayeth not, not It was really rather remarkable, in view of the many, many people who are laid up with the influenza, how few were missing from that ball. There were dozens of dinner parties given as a prelude to the dance, and dozens of others which, while they had no particular con-nection with it, none the less wound up nection with it, none the less wound up there. One of the pleasantest was one that Secretary and Mrs. Lane gave for Secretary and Mrs. Houston by way of celebrating Mr. Houston's "promotion" to the Treasury portfolio, at the end of his first day on that job. Mrs. Houston has always been Mrs. Lane's particular crony in the Cabinet circle, and that was her pleasant little way of congratulating her friends. The gave of the congratulating her pleasant little way of congratulating her friend—just one of those small inti-mate dinners that such people as the Lanes, and the Longworths, and the Mc-Cormicks most frequently give.

Epidemie Affects Engagements.

MISS FRANCES HAMPSON CONTRACTOR a padlock hanging from a strap over his forehead, impersonating "Locke on the Human Understanding", and being in a afluenza. frivolous mood which made his serious impersonation particularly amusing

Only his intimates know how funny Mr. Longworth can be. Quite the hit of the evening, however was Mrs. Ed. McCauley—she who United States Senator from Pennsylvania-who came as Mr. Salteens in "The Young Visiters"—you remember the costume in which this hero went to visit the Prince of Wales, in white stockings, rolled up trousers, and the huge star on his, or should one say breast.

With the host appearing as Old King Cole and the hostess as Mother Goose and acting the part, one can imagine that the fun was fast and furious. Some one came as The Beloved Vagabond and Commander Raymond Rodgers was Aladdis, and Mrs. Rodgers, once Alice Meyer, was in Chinese costume, anl altogether it must have been a picturesque

nad merry party.

Naturally the two recent cabinet shifts, to say nothing of the one known to be imminent, are matters of considerable interest to Washington, where the backbone of society is, after all, always official. Moving the Houstons up a bit makes little difference. But the arrival of the Merediths as part of the administration circle is distinctly interesting. It was generally expected that the President's appointment to fill the Treasury vacancy would be dis-tinctly political. It was argued that he needed a "glad hander" in the cabinet during the coming campaign. And in the way the President met the problem he certainly ran true to form-the form that expects him to do the unexpected.

Mr. Meredith's Qualifications. He got the "glad hander"—for Mr Meredith is said to have great possibilities as a vote getter—but he did the ex-pectedly unexpected, inasmuch as he picked a man who had never been mentioned, and he did it again in boosting Secretary Houston to the Treasury and creating a vacancy in the agricultural department. On the whole there seems little disposition to criticise that dispointo the Senate, although it was known that the administration has been in the habit of consulting him on financial matters and he was regarded as having finance and a thorough inderstanding of economics.

But he is emphatically not a glad hander. He may have managed the agricultural department with the greatest possible wisdom, but the great Amer-ican farmer never seemed able to get

real chummy with him.

Mr. Edwin T. Meredith seems just to fill the bill. As editor of the Successful Farmer Mr. Meredith is in as close touch with the agricultural interests as any man in the country. Moreover he has made a study of publicity, and that ought to help some. Besides, he has a winning personality and is an excellent mpaigner, even if he was defeated for Governor of Iowa and again in the race for Senator. He put up a better fight than any other Democrat could have done in that State, and there seems to be a theory that if anybody can deliver the votes out that way he can. All of which

ounts in a campaign year. The Merediths came up from Miam early last week and again took up quar-ters at the New Willard Hotel until they should find a permanent home. There was some curiosity as to whether bars. edith would start right in observing her "Cabinet Wednesday," and it was with a pleased sense of fitness that the announcement was received that Mrs. Houston would be at home and would have Mrs. Meredith receiving with her, though it was such a terrible day and so many were staying indoors nursing colds and wondering if they were in for the "flu" that fewer than might have been expected took advantage of the opportunity to greet the new Cabineteer.

Several others of the Cabinet hostesses

were at home, rather perfunctorily, Mrs. Lanzing, Mrs. Burleson, Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. Daniels; even Mrs. Marshall had announced that she would be at home informally, but they had com-paratively few callers, largely because of the weather, but partly also because people were rather saving themselves for Mrs. Lansing's big joint Cabinet tion on next Wednesday,

Last Joint Reception. It has been Mrs. Lansing's pleasant custom-except during the time when the country was at war and all Cabinet receptions were off-to ask the entire group of Cabinet hostesses to receive her on the last Wednesday before Lent each winter and give the season a fine sendoff. She has invited all her fellow "Cabineteers" to join with her on next Wednesday, so there will be a very big and brilliant Cabinet reception next week at the Lansing's Eighteenth street Even Mrs. Lane, who has not been at home on any Wednesday this season—except as she picked Wednesday, December 17, for her daughter's debut, and that was hardly a Cabinet reception expects to be at Mrs. Lansing's, alexpects to be at Mrs. Lansing's, although she will probably not try to stand in line all the afternoon, but have a sitting job at one of the tables instead.

Mrs. Palmer had expected to forego her Wednesday this week, as she had a special ten for the women of the judiciary circle planned for Thursday in honor of Mrs. Edward Douglas White, wife of the Chief Justice, and the wives of the associate justices of the Su-preme Court and of all the other Féd-

Both Mrs. Alexander and Mrs. Baker' were obliged to call off their "at homes" on last Wednesday on account of liness. The influenza, which actually put the Secretary of War to bed for a couple of days, rather ran through the family. Miss Freas, Mrs. Baker's young cousin, who makes her home with them, was the second to take to her bed. And before she was take to her bed. And before she was up Mrs. Baker herself and Miss Betty, the eldest of the children, had it. Up to a couple of days ago "Jack" and "Peggy" had escaped, but it was a case of hoping for the best and expecting the worst, so far as they were con-cerned. Fortunately none of the cases in that family seems to have been

Really, while the epidemic has been rather light in Washington this year as compared with last, it has knocked a good many social plans into cocked hats. Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh said there were ten absentees from the dinner for sixty which she gave not long ago. other hostess bewalled the fact that three had dropped out from a small dinper-of twelve, I think it was-after six o'clock. And the Belgian Ambassador and Baroness E. de Cartier de Marchiefine were obliged to withdraw from a dinner early this week, a dinner given for them at that, notifying their hostess only a few hours before the time set that the Ambassador was too III to go You can't take chances with the

It is perfectly useless to take offeno It is perfectly useless to take offence in such cases. No one could be more punctilious than the Lansings, yet the Secretary had to drop out of a dinner party which the Norwegian Minister and Mme. Bryn arranged for them. Lansing went alone. They both withdraw from the dinner which the Lanes gave for them a couple of nights later. The Spanish Ambassador. Senor Don Juan Riano, had a touch of the "flu" and missed the Key Pittmans dinner, given for him and Senora de Riano. Secretary Houston was laid up several days, and of course the children had it too. That was while he was still Secretary of Agriculture, and the Assistant Secretary, Mr. Edwin F. Sweet, and four members of his family

were down at the same time.

Nor has the epidemic spared the younger set. The Junior League is complaining bitterly that the malady has eriously interrupted its rehearsals for "Hello Washington!" the revue, written and stage managed by Mr. Algernon F. M.—alias Pete—Greig of the Britisl Embassy, which they are to give on next Tuesday and Wednesday for the benefit of the Children's Hospital. Equally ; has hit the Navy League's ball pagent to be given on Thursday, Lincoln's Birthday,

### Features of the Revue.

The revue is to be given in the band room of the Marine barracks by permis sion of MHajor-Gen. Barnett, and mos of the young set are putting in all their spare time rehearsing. It is one of those olever, rather sophisticated entertain-ments of which Mr. Greig has gotten up one each season for the last two or three years—the first two for the benefit of British war reliefs and at Mrs. Thomas T. Graff's. This one is to have fourteen scenes andto contain "something for every one," according to the announce ments. There is to be a scene displaying the manners and fashions in Wash ington in 1809—when Mistress Madison was first lady of the land. Mrs. Crafton Minot, who was Miss Constance Gard-ner and is Senator Lodge's granddaughter-Mrs. George Garrett (Alice Vander-bilt that was), and Mrs. James G. Dunn stion of the matter. For Secretary are to be principals in this. The opening Houston has been regarded as one of the scene of another act goes to the other excabinet's inner circle, and very close to treme and shoys the Supreme Court, as the President and was among those it might be in 1940, with Miss Eatherine mentioned, as was Secretary Lane, for Hitchcock as the chief justice. One of mentioned, as was Secretary Lane, for the Treasury post at the time that Mr. William G. McAdoo resigned. He had not, however, been discussed for the post day night dances, in progress; and one shipyard on Saturday. It was one of the post day night dances, in progress; and one s at an official reception. Yet another deals with the influy of war workers in 1917.

Mrs. Marjorie Wright is Miss J. Age a typical—and topical—fantastic female of the sort that seems necessary to every function. Misses Virginia Eckelss and Elizabeth Kingsbury are to contribute some of their clever solo dances, and there is a leap year scene wherein Miss Margaret Harding decides to seize the opportunity and do her own proposing. It is not disclosed to whom she is going to propose-but that's a mere detail. Mrs. James W. Wadsworth, Jr., Mrs. ner, Miss Biddle, Mrs. Gordon Cumming are among the older women who are

taking an active interest in the benefit. Mrs. Barnett and Miss Louise Deland have charge of the sale of seats. But it is really Mr. Greig who is the moving spirit in the whole affair. Mr. Greig is indefatigable about drilling and rehearsing in preparation for one of his "Shown," but even he suc-cumbed to the "flu" for a few days and

the rehearsals languished in his abs

But he's o nduty once more now an everything's going swimmingly.

Mr. Ronald Lindsey, counsellor of the British Embassy and Charge d'Affaires is planning a dinner for Mr. Henry Getty Chilton, who is about to go to Brazil as counsellor, on next Tuesday night, and, is going to take his guests to "Hello, Washington." of several dinner parties that will be taken to the barracks to see the revue, and it is only one of many dinners that will be given in farewell to Mr. Chilton, even though Mrs. Chilton is not going until he has had time to get settled.

Mr. Greig gave about the first of them last Sunday—and presumably the younger set will be giving similar fare-wells for Mr. Greig himself as soon as they get his revue off their minds—for he is going home before the end of the month. He is only going for a visit ; expects to return to the United States within a few weeks. But he isn't to be sationed in Washington, but in New York, on his return. So that apparently Washington is not to see much of him

in future. Oh, an dther's another big costume affair next week that practically every-body in Washington is interested in, body in Washington is interested in, and that's the history pageant to be given in connection with the Navy league's ball next Thursday-a sort of Lincoln's Birthday celebration, There are to be State groups showing scenes from their history, and they say semething like 600 people will take part. It is a sort of blaze of glory finish for the two day convention of the Navy League, and promises to be really a

unique and interesting entertainment, Mrs. James Carroll Frazer is at head of the executive committee, and she has associated with her Mrs. Herry F. Dimock, Mrs. Newton Baker, Mrs. William Morton Grinnell, Mrs. Barton, French, Mrs. William Littauer, Mrs. Walter Tuckerman and Mrs. Archibald They expect to have each State in the Union represented by groups apportsored and managed by women from that State. Mrs. Dimock, for instance, has charge of Connecticut; Mrs. Gibson Fahnestock takes Maryland; Mrs. Cary Langhorne, Ohio; Mrs. Lydia Spencer Biddle, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Howard Sutherland and Mrs. Stephen B. Elkins, West Virginia; Mrs. Charles Hamlin, New York, and so on. They had even

umbrage at Colonel Thompson's advo-umbrage at Colonel Thompson's advo-umbrage at Colonel Thompson's advo-umbrage at Colonel Thompson's advo-umbrage at Colonel Thompson's advo-lightfully simple and generally in rather oughly clothed and generally in rather oughly clothed and generally in rather noticeable contrast, to some of the very low necked, sleeveless, backless gowns light of his countenance and the Navy light of his countenance and the Navy that even the debutantes were wearing. The partment's backing from the very that even the debutantes were wearing. The rather looks as if she would be the avt. diplomatic debutante, although one Department's backing from the very that even the debutantes were wearing theoretish or an interest of the less the ball seems likely to be the next diplomatic debutante, although one the less the ball seems likely to be the next diplomatic debutante, although one never counts far ahead with the diplomatic confidently. higgest sort of a success and the passant is enlisting really prominent persons from both official and unofficial society.

iomatiques," which have nearly always rought out large and distinguished autrought out large and distinguished au-diences, apparently glad of a little Sun-day diversion. Last Sunday this was particularly true, when Mme, d'Alvarez was the star. She has a magnificent contraito voice and is a real sure-emough riar. But also she has a brother in the Peruvian Embassy here, and so the Pe-ruvian Ambassador and Senora de Peset contenting for har before the concert entertained for her before the concert and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Logan gave a supper for her after the concert, and altogether society made much of her.

One of the several dinners whose com-pany went to the concert was a brilliant one given at the Army and Navy Club by Colonel and Mrs. Charles H. Patterson in honor of the Italian Ambassador and the Baroness Romano Avenzana. Donna Yolanda Romano—although she in not yet "out" and her mother protests that she is still very much "joune fille"—accompanied her parents to that dinner, as the did to the Southern Relief ball the following night. And she really is very derstanding.

reach Washington yesterday. I believe, much "jeune fille," although one can and she is to be a guest of Senator foresee that her parents will be put to it Lodge.

It is noticed, with meaning smiles, that is Secretary and Mrs. Daniels are not taking any prominent part in this Navy bunches of tiny French flowers on the League ball. It will be remembered that Mr. Daniels had rather a lively row with Colonel Robort M. Thompson on the subject of the Navy League—or rather took umbrage at Colonel Thompson's advocacy of preparedness 'way beyond any-lightfully simple. Southren ball, and was altogether de-lightfully simple and childish, and ther-oughly clothed and generally in rather

matic cirps. It had quite confidently been expected that Senorita Berta Boultlas would be making a debut here next The diplomatic corps is naturally taking no part in the pageant, but it will turn out rather numerously to look on at it and take part in the ball.

At Diplomatic Concerts.

One of the things that really seem to have taken very well with the diplomatic contingent are the Sunday "concerts diplomatingent are the Sunday "concerts diplomatingent," which have nearly always than a year ago. There is little expectations the sunday always than a year ago. There is little expectations are the sunday always than a year ago. There is little expectations are the sunday always than a year ago. There is little expectations are the sunday always than a year ago. There is little expectations are the sunday always than a year ago. less than a year ago. There is little ex-pectation that they will return, it being understood that the Merican Ambassador will be kept in Mexico and the embassy here reduced to its lowest terms.

Also it has just been announced that Also it has just been announced that Mr. Hubscher, secretary of the Swiss Legation, is about to be transferred to Montreal, where he will be his country's Consul General. Mme. Hubscher, who was Miss Elizabeth Schoepf of Cincinnati, has not been in Washington this winter, but has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kelsey Schoenf, in Cin-Mr. and Mrs. Kelsey Schoepf, in Cin-cinnati, it being understood that she is not well. But that is the way in Washington-just about as soon as people get thoroughly acclimated and one gets used to them as part of the social landscape they are transferred somewhere else-rather like the old time Methodist theory that if a minister stayed more than three years in one church he and his congre-

# SEE SHIP LAUNCHED

casion by Sojourners

at Resort.

TAMPA, Fia., Feb. 7 .- Prominent men the last week are optimistic in regard to will be the Valentine cotillion to be the city's future and have many encouraging things to say of its progress, Amet a tour of the south Atlantic and Gulf coasts in the interest of his publication.

Ponce de Leon Mrs. Pembroke Jones. with her son, Pembroke Jones, Jr., and become one of the south Tampa should cal Gazette of New York, who is making York the one of the ranking ports on the Guif. John G. Gribbell, president of Newport have gone to Tampa Bay for the Tampa Gas Company, who was a a few weeks.

The putting contest on Clock Green Hotel, coming from his headquarters in Philadelphia for the first time in two years, says that he is particularly pleased with commercial and financial conditions in the city. Mr. Gribbell, in addition to his large Florida interests, is a stockholder of the Curtis Publishing. Lea McIvaine Laquer has joined Mrs. Company and the Pennsylvania Sugar Laquer and their daughter. Miss Evelyn.

The aixth big steamship of the year at the Ponce de Leon from their home, was launched from the Oscar Daniels "Pine Lodge," Mount Kisco, N. Y. shipyard on Saturday. It was one of the At the weekly card party given this largest ships ever experience was a decided novelty. The

vessel was christened the Manatee.

Tampa Rotarians have gone over the top in their drive to obtain \$7,500 with which to plant memorial trees in honor of war heroes. These trees are to extend on either side of a thirteen mile avenue extending from Tampa to the

The new sport of flying is becoming very popular in the city. Two flying boats making dally trips are besieged with would-be passengers, who start on their unique excursion skyward as calmly as if purchasing tickets to New York via the well tested railway. Major Sidney Parker's Curtiss Seagull, which lands near Tampa's famous bridge, draws interested crowds con-tinually. Mr. F. V. Parker of New York of his flights during the week.

# TOURISTS AT TAMPA | VALENTINE DANCE FOR ST. AUGUSTINE

Event Celebrated as Gala Oc- Cotillion to Be Given on Night of February 14 at the Hotel Alcazar.

St. AUGUSTINE, Fla., Feb. 7 .- An inwho have been visitors in Tampa during teresting social event of the near future given at the Hotel Alcazar on the night of February 14. The arrangements for the dance are under the direction of S. Moffatt, associte editor of the Nouti- Miss Ismar Catherine Black of New

Miss Hannah Bolles, of New York and

is a stockholder of the Curtis Publishing Lea McIlvaine Luquer has joined Mrs. Company and the Pennsylvania Sugar Luquer and their daughter, Miss Evelyn P. Luquer, who arrived some days ago

Newport News, Va. The event was cele-brated as a gala occasion and witnessed by hundreds of tourists, to whom the of Buffalo, N. Y.; Martin B. Jones of Brooklyn, Mrs. Charles Banks of Jersey City and Mrs. Phillip J. Dunn of New York.

Beginning to-day there will be con-certs twice daily in the old Spanish Plaza during February and March by Vessella's Band, famous for years at Atlantic City. While here Oresto Vessella will be his own director. Mr. and Mrs. William A. Ripley of

Newark, N. J., and Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Wallace, also of Newark, started to-night for home, after spending their honeymoon at the Ponce de Leon; Mr. and Mrs. Read Beard of Baltimore are another bridal couple here. "The World and His Wife" is being

filmed here by the Paramount-Arteraft Motion Picture Companyy. A number of the scenes have been made at Fort Marion. The stars are Miss Alma Rubens, Montagu Love and Gaston Glass,

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